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## DockLines

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Waterfront Department

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## Marina One Replacement Project Phase 1 Construction Update

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

The construction site formerly known as Marina One is slowly but surely returning to normal. It's been over a month since new docks arrived and were assembled along the main headwalk. Demolition of the old docks and re-positioning of the new docks was an impressive feat performed by contractors on May 24 – 26. The marina was technically closed, but it was business as usual thanks to Captain Fred on the *Little Toot*, who provided water taxi service to approximately three hundred slipholders. Some of the old docks were modified to provide a "transition" from the slightly higher new docks to finger docks. These transition floats don't always line up exactly with the finger docks, but will be replaced over the next few years.

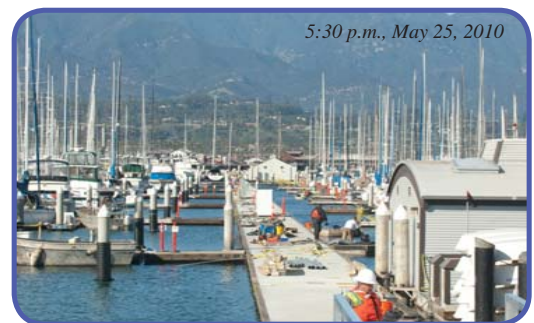
One of the more complicated aspects of this job was providing new utilities along the main headwalk feeding the marina. Temporary electrical service was installed with relatively few outages but with lots of cables all over the docks. Slipholders have been very cautious of the cables and other construction equipment and should see these items gradually disappear as permanent utilities are installed within the docks or under wooden walers on the outer edges of the docks.

The new, longer, wider gangway is a popular improvement. Struggling up the gangway at low tide with a full dock cart won't be quite as tough as it once was. Two carts can easily pass side by side and Santa Barbara Youth Foundation trailers can also fit, eliminating the need to carry heavy sailing dinghies down the gangway.

The project hasn't been without challenges, but fortunately it's almost finished. Staff greatly appreciates the patience and cooperation of everyone who frequents Marina One during this complicated undertaking.

## NOAA Information Kiosk Back Online

NOAA's touch-screen information kiosk in the public lobby of the Harbormaster's Office is back online after six months out of service. The interactive station offers education about the Channel Islands, plus marine weather data, including forecasts, swell models, offshore buoy reports, radar images and more. The kiosk is one of 30 NOAA has installed around the country. The public is welcome to use the kiosk at any time (except between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., if Harbor Patrol is out of the office and the building is locked). Please come enjoy this free service.



Marina One Replacement Project Phase 1  
Construction of the Main Headwalk.



NOAA touch-screen kiosk offers educational and marine-related information.





## Cruise Ship Visit

The cruise ship Sapphire Princess visited Santa Barbara on Sunday, May 9th. The 950-foot vessel anchored a half-mile offshore, from where its 2,700 passengers and 500 crew were shuttled to Sea Landing—the departure point for walking tours, bus tours, wine-country visits and shopping trips in town. The ship arrived at 7:00 a.m. and departed at 4:00 p.m., its tenders enduring stiff afternoon winds in the process. Occasional cruise-ship visits benefit the community and the Department, which charges \$5 per head (passengers and crew). One more cruise ship visit is scheduled this year (in December), though “feelers” have been extended to cruise ship lines to gauge additional interest in Santa Barbara port calls.



## Wine Shop Lease Opportunity on Stearns Wharf

Scott Riedman, Waterfront Business Manager

A lease for the Stearns Wharf wine tasting room expired March 31st and the wine-shop space was vacated a short time later. Tenant turnover on Stearns Wharf is infrequent and the vacancy provides a rare business opportunity for a wine industry professional to resume this service.

Preparing for a new tenant, a “For Lease” sign was placed on the outdoor public viewing deck adjacent to the tasting room (217-G Stearns Wharf) in early April and notices advertising the lease opportunity were placed on craigslist.org, winebusiness.com and wineindustryclassifieds.com on May 10, 2010. As of late May, the Department had received inquiries from over 30 interested parties. In addition, Waterfront maintenance staff replaced the facility's sub-flooring and patched and primed its walls in preparation for showing the 890-square-foot shop to prospective tenants.

Because the Department is a public landlord, the leasing process is different than simply signing a lease with the first qualified business expressing interest in the space. The Department will conduct a two-phase screening and selection process to choose a candidate for a new lease from the pool of interested applicants. The first phase, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), will focus on identifying applicants' experience and qualifications in the wine industry, plus their financial resources and general business concept for the lease space. A Selection Committee comprised of two Harbor Commissioners and two Waterfront staff will review qualifications and develop a priority list (short list) of top candidates who will be invited to participate in the second phase, a Request for Proposals (RFP).

The RFP will focus on the business plan, including a merchandising plan, marketing plan, revenue and expense projections and project timing. The Selection Committee will review RFP submittals, interview prospective tenants and recommend a finalist for lease negotiations. The Department expects to successfully negotiate a lease with the selected business. If, however, negotiations prove unsuccessful, the Department will negotiate with the next highest selected business, and so on. The selection process will begin in June and the new lease for the wine tasting room should be in place by August.

For further information on business opportunities in the Waterfront, please contact Scott Riedman, Waterfront Business Manager, at (805) 897-1969.



## Operation Clean Sweep Continues Seafloor Litter Removal

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

On Saturday May 8th, the Waterfront Department conducted its fourth annual Operation Clean Sweep, during which 35 volunteer divers and dock workers removed 3,000 pounds of seafloor junk from beneath dive-boat docks and Cabrillo Landing (in front of the Waterfront Center Building), Fish Float North and the City Pier. To date, this brings the total weight of junk removed from the harbor via “Clean Sweep” to 15,000 pounds.

This year's participants included NOAA, Santa Barbara Surfrider, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Salty Dog Dive Service and volunteers from our boating community. Sea-urchin divers were particularly helpful, cleaning areas beneath their leased docks in front of the Waterfront Center Building and beneath the Fuel Dock and City Pier. Their sense of responsibility and stewardship was much appreciated.

Debris removed included wire traps, fish receivers, tires, pipes, bicycles, bottles, cable, diving equipment and two marine batteries. (Over four years, Operation Clean Sweep has removed five marine batteries from the harbor.) Next year, Clean Sweep will shift to Marina One, as we reach the half-way point in the Department's initial 10-year effort to “sweep” all marinas free of seafloor debris.

## Disappearing Dock Carts

Why does it seem like there is never a dock cart when you need one? The Department replaces several dock carts every year with the goal of increasing the number of carts available to our boaters so they are available when you need them. Unfortunately, many dock carts that leave the marina never come back.

With 1,133 slips in Santa Barbara Harbor, demand for dock carts is high, especially on weekends. All boaters are expected to pick up a dock cart at the base of a marina gangway (inside the locked gate) and return it to the same area when finished. Most people courteously follow this simple rule but many don't, frequently leaving dock carts outside the locked marina gates. *Any unattended dock cart left on the sidewalk or in a parking lot is sure to go missing, never to return.*

Dock carts are a marina amenity that we would like to provide in sufficient numbers to serve our boating public. At a cost of just under \$200 apiece, leaving a dock cart outside the marina gates can be a costly mistake. On average, the Department spends \$1,200 per year replacing missing carts. You can help make sure dock carts remain available for everyone by returning them when you are finished using them, reminding your fellow boaters to do the same and returning any unattended dock cart outside the marina gates to the base of the gangway.

As you may know, we've previously written about this issue in *Docklines*. Now it's up to you, our boaters, to help eliminate the need to replace missing dock carts. Why? Because after awhile, the Department's budget can't endure the steady replacement costs, and every dock cart that disappears will mean one less dock cart for harbor users. Please help us and your fellow boaters conserve this valuable resource by leaving carts where they belong after use.

## Fish Die-Off Comes and Goes in April

On April 26th, schools of baitfish—anchovies, sardines and small mackerel—unexpectedly entered the harbor in large numbers. Many died and were subsequently eaten by birds and crabs. By the next day, the schools of bait had left the harbor. The die-off event, however, waxed and waned over the following week before disappearing entirely. A similar phenomenon was recorded in other harbors, including Ventura.

The immediate cause of the die-off was low dissolved oxygen (D/O) levels in the harbor, which occurs occasionally for reasons not entirely understood. For example, on April 27th, all signs

## Summertime & Boating Safety

This is the season to remind boaters to practice safe and responsible boating, wear a life jacket and remain alert and aware while on the water. In Santa Barbara it's especially important for small boats including skiffs, kayaks, Stand-Up-Paddleboards (SUPs), Personal Watercraft (PWC), catamarans, outrigger canoes, sailboats, fishing boats and cruisers to be constantly aware of weather, wind and sea conditions. Small watercraft are more susceptible to capsizing, swamping or being blown offshore. Cold water, wind and alcohol consumption increase susceptibility to hypothermia.

The National Safe Boating Council reports that of the 700 people who die each year in recreational boating accidents, two-thirds drown. Of those who drown, 90% aren't wearing life jackets.

Remember these points. They could save your life.

- Wear a lifejacket
- Monitor the weather and sea conditions
- File a float plan with a relative or friend
- Don't mix alcohol and boating

Enjoy the summer boating season and our beautiful coastline, but please do it safely!



### Working together for a clean Santa Barbara Harbor!

## CLEAN MARINA CORNER

### Harbor Nautical Swap Meet and Hazmat Turn-In Day

#### Swap Meet...

The fifth annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association (HMA), returned to Santa Barbara Harbor on Saturday, May 15th. The event was the most successful to date, with 42 vendors occupying 62 spaces in the Marina Three parking lot.

Hundreds of buyers took advantage of bargains on everything from surfboards and kayaks to fishing equipment, sailboat rigging, boat anchors and more. As it has in past years, HMA provided free donuts, coffee and

oranges, thanks in part to donations from the Santa Barbara Roasting Company and Berry Man produce company.

#### Hazmat Turn-In...

For the third consecutive year, the event included a Hazmat Turn-In opportunity, an integral part of our Clean Marina Program. Thirty-eight boaters disposed of paint, oil, antifreeze, fluorescent tubes, solvents, diesel, propane bottles, varnish, flares and small batteries.

Watch for the 2011 Harbor Nautical Swap Meet and Hazmat Turn-In Day next May. With vendors spaces going for \$10 each, plus free food and tons of the nautical “stuff” to buy, sell or peruse, you can't beat this event as a tune-up for summer boating.



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just got better!*



To: 

On June 1st, the cost for a 2010 general Waterfront parking permit was reduced from \$95 to \$85. The cost for slip permittees remains at \$70 each.

Purchase your Annual Waterfront Parking Permit from any Waterfront parking kiosk or at the Waterfront Administration Office, 132-A Harbor Way. Permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2010. For more parking information call 564-5523.

## The Santa Barbara Waterfront Department Newsletter DOCKLINES

### July 4, 2010, in Santa Barbara

Mark your calendars for this year's Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 4. The City's fireworks display takes place off West Beach at 9:00 p.m. with a 18-20 minute show by Pyro Spectaculars. The fireworks are preceded by SPARKLE's 2010 Freedom Celebration beginning at 7:00 p.m. at West Beach, featuring patriotic and family-friendly entertainment. The public is encouraged to come down to the Waterfront early in the day and enjoy the offerings of food and beverage vendors along Cabrillo Boulevard beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The City reminds all those in the area that certain regulations apply from 12:01 a.m. to midnight on July 4th in order to make this a safe and fun event for everyone. These include no fireworks, no alcohol, no glass, no pit digging, no open fires, no dogs on the beach and no parking adjacent to the railroad tracks.

### Waterfront Event Schedule

Independence Day	July 4
Harbor & Seafood Festival	October 9
Parade of Lights	December 12

### Harbor Commssion 2010 Meeting Schedule

Harbor Commission  
meets the third Thursday  
of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
in City Council Chambers

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July 15  
August 19  
September 16  
October 21  
November 18  
December 16  
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